3. M/s AFCONS, New Delhi.

4. M/s B.M. Mhaske & Associates, Poona .

II. *Lucknow-Kanpur Road* :

1. M/s J&K Cement Works, Kanpur.

2. M/s J&K Iron Steel Co., Kanpur.

As Pune by-pass was already under construction by the State PWD and the proposal for four laning of Kanpur-Lucknow road was not found feasible, these proposals were dropped.

(d) Costruction and development of National Highways is a continuous process and it is taken up depending upon *inter-se* priority of the works and availability of resources.

World Bank's study on condition of roads in India

932. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether according to a study conducted by World Bank Policy Study, it has been revealed that roads in our country have been badly maintained ;

(b) if so, whether Government have since examined the report by World Bank Policy Study ; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and the steps contemplated by Government to maintain roads in the country properly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) Standing Committee on Maintenance of Roads constituted by the Government of India in the Ministry of Surface Transport have considered *inter alia* World Bank Study Report entitled 'Road deterioration in developing countries' which underlines that India has been one among several developing countries where the roads have been found to be inadequately maintained. The Study has placed emphasis on technology transfer, institutional improvements and the development of skills apart from mobilisation of resources. In this connection Central Road Fund has been augmented, norms for maintenance of roads have been revised and external financial assistance is also contemplated.

संसद सदस्यों से रेलवे को ठोस सुझाव

933. **श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को अनाधिकृत रेलवे फारवर्डिंग और क्लियरिंग एजेंट रखने की वर्तमान प्रथा का उन्मूलन करने हेतु कुछ सांसदों से सुझाव प्राप्त हुए है, जिसके फलस्वरूप सरकार को करोड़ों रुपये का राजस्व प्राप्त होगा ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इन का विवरण क्या है; और

(ग) इन सुझावों पर सरकार की प्रतिक्रिया क्या है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री महावीर प्रसाद) : (क) जी हां।

(ख) प्रमुख रेलवे स्टेशन पर नश्य पदार्थों सहित पार्सल तथा सामान की बुकिंग के लिए निविदाएं आमंत्रित करके अन्वेषण एजेंटों की नियुक्ति का सुझाव है।

(ग) रेल प्रशासन स्टेशनों पर पार्सल तथा सामान की बुकिंग के लिए प्रेषकों की ओर से किसी व्यक्ति को कोई एकमात्र अधिकार नहीं दे सकता।